

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING MILFORD VALLEY
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, FEBRUARY 9, 1994.**

The Annual Water User's meeting for the Milford Valley Distribution System was called to order by Chairman James Mayer, February 9, 1994 at 4:05 p.m. in the Milford City Office.

Chairman James Mayer introduced Engineer Gertrudys Advins. She has been working for Division of Water Rights for 6 months and she will be assisting John Larsen in the Southern Area.

Minutes of the 1993 meeting was read by Secretary Kristen Mayer. One correction was made and minutes will stand as read.

Financial report was read by Lee Simm. He explained that the purchase of the Pitot tube is why the miscellaneous expense was over spent. Total delinquent amount due is \$2070.84. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds declined \$1,000.00 from last year. Lary Carter made a motion to accept the financial report. Dean Carter 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Richard Jefferson then gave the Commissioners Report. He reported that there were 12 new meters put on. One did not work, but was not the Water User's fault. UP&L did not have the kilo watt readings so he could not complete his report. Mr. Simm's will meet with UP&L and try to get the report. Then he will finish the report and get it to the pumpers that would like to read it.

Lee Simm's then talked about UP&L's Pitot Tube. He said it is still a learning experience.

He stated that there are two pumpers in court order that do not have meters on. If they don't come into compliance they are not suppose to start pumping at the beginning of the Season. He stated that some meters are not accurate. The Pitot Tube is a good reliable method of giving the average water pumped by the Water User over the season. Mr. Simm's said that ever Water User will be sent a letter explaining the Pitot Tube, and if they would like their well's to be checked by this method they are suppose to let Commissioner Jefferson and Division of Water Rights know by March 15th. Commissioner Jefferson will check each well at the 1st of the season. Then he will let the pumper know if their meter is not working.

Mr. Simm's said he would like to meet with the board tomorrow and discuss more on the Pitot Tube. Lee then explained that there is a new Pitot Tube on the market, that it can check the water without having to shut the well off. After a long discussion it was decided to use the old Pitot Tube and buy a tapping devise which will cost \$550.00. Water Users do not have to have meter's if they use the Pitot Tube to measure their water.

A question was asked what happens if you over pump and your only two thirds through the season. Mr. Simm's said we will probably have to shut you down.

A discussion was held at how to pay the Commissioner for reading with the Pitot Tube. Leon Paice made a motion that the Water Commissioner be paid regular wage plus Water User has to pay Commissioner \$25.00 for every well he checks. Lary Carter 2nd the motion and all were in

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favor.

Russel Mayer then made a motion to reelect Richard Jefferson as Commissioner and Mike Yardley 2nd the motion and motion carried.

There is going to be a Commissioner Seminar on March 3rd and 4th. The only cost is the Motel Room.

The Budget and Assessments for 1994 was discussed Commissioner Salary, \$2,720.00; Social Security, \$208.00; Bonding Expense, \$50.00; Health and Life Insurance Premiums, \$50.00; Secretarial Expense, \$50.00; Miscellaneous Expense, \$200.00. This leaving the Budget at \$3,278.00 and Assessment, \$3,000.00. Leon Paice made a motion to accept the Budget and Assessment for 1994 and Dean Carter 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

Lee stated the funds will be switched over to an accounting system by the State and it will start January 1st.

Chairman James Mayer then asked if anyone wanted to nominate a Chairman and Water Committee for 1994. Mike Yardley made a motion to retain the old board. Alan Wood 2nd and the motion carried.

Lary Sower from Smithfield talked about how they are progressing. He said test wells have been drilled. To catch any contamination of the water. He said if there is any leakage it will be caught quickly.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

There were 14 water users present and 5 Division of Water Rights Representatives, 1 Water Commissioner and 2 representatives from Smithfield of Utah.

On February 10th, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. Chairman James Mayer and Water Committee, Keith James, Russel Mayer, and Gary Sullivan, Water Commissioner, Richard Jefferson and Lee Simm, John Larsen and Gertrudys Advins from Division of Water Rights met at the Station Restaurant.

Chairman James Mayer called the meeting to order and stated that the Commissioner's report was not accurate. He asked what could they do next year to get a better report. Lee said that John would have to spend more time down here next year to educate Commissioner Jefferson.

John will be checking meter's often and if one is not working he will send out a letter quickly and if the meter does not get fixed a court order will be issued.

The Committee decided they should meet with Division of Water Rights Representatives one month prior to regular Water User's meeting to review what will be discussed at the meeting.

They then decided to send a letter to the Water User's stating that they should have a working meter on their well's before they start to pump. If they do not then the well will be shut down or can be checked with the Pitot Tube. Water User's with electric well's must send a written request to Water Commissioner. It should have a Kilo Watt Hour meter number or the UP&L account number associated with each well to be measured by Pitot Tube. The Water User will be charged \$25.00 for each well that is read with the Pitot Tube. If Water User has a Diesel motor then they should have a workable hour meter.

If your meter breaks the Committee thought it would be easier to insert a ball valve so it could be checked by the Pitot Tube instead of trying to fix the meter. If the meter is not fixed quickly the well will be shut down by court order. A ball valve should be installed before the well starts pumping for the season.

This letter will be sent to the Committee. Then they will meet and make changes if the need to. Then it will be sent to Water User's.

The Committee decided to buy a new Pitot Tube. It will cost around \$1,200.00. The Committee decided by purchasing a new Pitot Tube it would make it easier on the Water Users, because you do not have to shut down the well to be tested.

Chairman James Mayer then asked if the State is responsible for water quality or is the user? State Engineer will not force quality it's out of their range Lee Simm's told James.

The Board decided to assess the Water user the same as last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.